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Mood and Temperament.

But correspondents who go to the White House every day make it their business to keep their eyes and ears open and to retnember from week to week and menth to menth and anyone of a dozen who watch White Hous.

calls for a cabinet meeting—I think it was the first—went out through the medium of the White House offices, and officials there could have stopped it by notifying the president of what was happening. They did nothing of the kind. What was the atmosphere and situation when the first cabinet meeting was called? Congress was restless. Political enemies of the president were circulating stories that he was mentally mable to fulfill the dutles of the presidency and were talking about constitutional methods of getting a successor. Newspapers were

and loyal side of the Wilson following trying to meet public criticism in an awkward situation. The president's friends did not know how sick he was. They knew only that he needed rest and freedom from worry. If they could only give the appearance of uninterrupted government they felt they would be doing him a service.

So the first cabinet meeting was held, it is true Dr. Grayson came there as the emissary of the president and made it clear that Mr. Wilson was curious and therefore not allogether pleased with what was happening. He wanted it understood that no action could be legally taken on a question which the president is authorized to act upon by law, unless the president himself approved.

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The cabinet took that as a natural limitation upon them and understood perfectly well what they could and could not do.

Letter Sent Suddenly.

But it was decided for the sake of appearances as well as for the good that might come out of interdepartmental conference and consultation to continue the meetings. Several of them were held. White House officials pointed to them as proof that the government was functioning and that all was well with the affairs of the remarking

was well with the affairs of the republic.
Suddenly, out of a clear sky comes a letter from President Wilson to Secretary Lansing asking him if it was true that cabinet meetings had been held. Nobody was more surprised thus the secretary of state. He had had differences with the president and had differences with the president and had differences with the basis of his retirement would be the calling of cabinet meetings which had been planned as a service and not a dis-service.

But Mr. Lansing didn't play the part of a little man. He took the rebuke politely and made his exit. He could have involved other men in the Wilson administration who had urged him to dministration who had urged hin

administration who had urged him to keep the cabinet meetings going. He could have involved nearly everybody in the president's official family. But, since he was made the goat, he accepted his fate without a whimper, trusting that the public might some day understand.

Did the president really remain unaware until last week of the fact that cabinet meetings were being held in the executive offices a few yards from his own sick room? Circumstantial evidence would seen to point to the absurdity of such a conclusion. The newspapers printed references to it again and again.

What Palmer Reported.

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I remember clearly that Attorney-General Palmer went to the White House before a certain momentous cabinet meeting on the coal strike and after a brief discussion with the president, told the correspondents later that the government was behind him and Mr. Wilson approved of what had been done.

done.

The correspondents recall that Mr.
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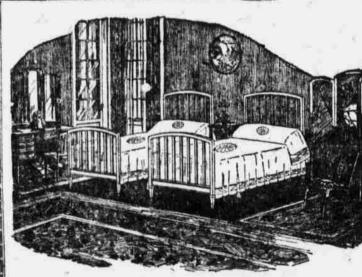
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